

# Emad Salem

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**Emad A. Salem** is an FBI informant, who was a key witness in the trial of Ramzi Yousef, Abdul Hakim Murad, and Wali Khan Amin Shah, convicted in the World Trade Center Bombing of February 26, 1993.

After the bombing, Salem claimed that the FBI knew about the bombing plot, and agreed to foil it by supplying fake explosives to him. Salem taped his telephone conversations with FBI agents. Those tapes were provided to defense lawyers, although they were not used in the trial. In December 1993, James M. Fox, the head of the FBI's New York Office, denied that the FBI had any foreknowledge of the attacks.

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## Life

An Egyptian army officer, Salem claimed to have fought as a sniper in the Yom Kippur War of 1973, but had habitually been caught telling lies about his past before.<sup>[1]</sup>

At the request of the FBI, Salem had befriended the group of plotters in 1991, meeting them at El Sayyid Nosair's trial. He had recently worked as a security guard at the Bergdorf Goodman department store, and an engineer at a Best Western hotel in New York.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Claim that the FBI knew about the bombing

The below is a transcript from part of one of the recordings Emad A. Salem made of a telephone conversation he had with one of his FBI handlers, FBI Special Agent John Anticev (MP3: [1] (<http://nwo.media.xs2.net/tape/SalemWBAI.mp3>) [2] (<http://nwo.media.xs2.net/tape/emad%20salem.mp3>) ):

**FBI Special Agent John Anticev:** But, uh, basically nothing has changed. I'm just telling you for my own sake that nothing, that this isn't a salary, that it's—you know. But you got paid regularly for good information. I mean the expenses were a little bit out of the ordinary and it was really questioned. Don't tell Nancy I told you this. [Nancy Floyd is another FBI Special Agent who worked with Emad A. Salem in his informant capacity.]

**FBI undercover agent Emad A. Salem:** Well, I have to tell her of course.

**Anticev:** Well then, if you have to, you have to.

**Salem:** Yeah, I mean because the lady was being honest and I was being honest and everything was submitted with a receipt and now it's questionable.

**Anticev:** It's not questionable, it's like a little out of the ordinary.

**Salem:** Okay. Alright. I don't think it was. If that's what you think guys, fine, but I don't think that because we was start already building the bomb which is went off in the World Trade Center. It was built by supervising supervision from the Bureau and the D.A. and we was all informed about it and we know that the bomb start to be built. By who? By your confidential informant. What a wonderful, great case!

**Anticev:** Well.

**Salem:** And then he put his head in the sand and said "Oh, no, no, that's not true, he is son of a bitch." [Deep breath.] Okay. It's built with a different way in another place and that's it.

**Anticev:** No, don't make any rash decisions. I'm just trying to be as honest with you as I can.

**Salem:** Of course, I appreciate that.

**Anticev:** And as far as the payments go, and everything like that, they're there. I guarantee you that they are there.

Salem also mentions in his testimony Operation Bojinka, a plot by the "Blind Sheikh" Omar Abdul-Rahman and his nephew, Ramzi Yousef, to, among other things, fly about 12 hijacked airplanes into prominent US buildings. They were subsequently convicted of "seditious conspiracy" in connection with the Bojinka Plot. Salem was placed in the Witness Protection Program

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